

## MI Child Support Formula - child support

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I am a divorced mother who has not received a child support increase in 8 years. I have written the Friend of the Court and asked for a redetermination of support, due to the fact that my ex-husbands financial status has improved greatly. They did a redetermination of the support and ruled that his support should be increased. Of course, the only way to do that is to hire a lawyer and go through the appeal process as my ex-husband does not want to pay the increase. There are no provisions for help from the friend of the court. Again the process has failed as at this time, I cannot afford a drawn out hearing for the increase in support. My calls and letters to the Friend of the Court regarding this matter have gone unanswered. It is time that if a redetermination is made, that the noncustodial parent should abide by the decision.

I would like to ask a few simple questions. If it is determined that a noncustodial parent should have their support decreased if they see the child over 52 days a year who will then be responsible for some of the following items. A winter coat, boots, clothing, shoes, school supplies, camp, religious education, college, etc. Does the non-custodial parent become more responsible in seeing that a child's individual needs are met? As in the case when the child is a special education student, is the noncustodial parent responsible for supporting the child's special needs?

Of course as in my case, women have less earning potential than men, and are committed to take care of their children no matter what the circumstances are. I have taken my son to 98% of doctors appointments, taken off time when he is sick, gone to every parent teacher conference, participated in every school event, given my son a religious education, sees that homework is done and the list goes on. As most other mothers, we put aside our wants to ensure the best for our children. If the child support decreases, let us at least ask the fathers to be more responsible for the child's health and daily care.

Thank you.  
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